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11. (SBU) SUMMARY: On June 5, Chinese Ambassador Cheng Guoping hosted the Ambassador for dinner at the restaurant on the 23rd floor of a striki
CHINA'S MFA "SCARED" BY PELOSI'S VISIT

12. (SBU) Guoping was relaxed, wearing short sleeves and no jacket, and clearly eager to engage and entertain his American guests. He began the
PRAISE FOR SMART POWER

13. (SBU) Without prompting, Guoping praised President Obama's leadership style and approach to foreign affairs. He singled out the President's
IRANIAN ELECTIONS

14. (SBU) Guoping perceptively connected the Cairo speech to upcoming elections in Iran. "This speech is very timely," he said. "I predict that
FOCUS ON THE TALIBAN

15. (SBU) About Afghanistan, Guoping said the Taliban is the real enemy of the United States and the "basis for terrorism in South Asia." He ar
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with the rebuilding of Afghanistan, saying that to do so is to play a part in the war against terrorism. No one is able to say openly that they
NORTHERN DISTRIBUTION NETWORK

16. (C) In particular, Guoping said that the Northern Distribution Network to transport non-lethal supplies to U.S. troops in Afghanistan has e
RUSSIA'S POLICY IN CENTRAL ASIA

17. (C) Guoping said that Russia is experiencing "severe difficulty" now because of the global financial crisis. He suggested that the governme
ON GEORGIA

18. (C) On Georgia, Guoping said he expects Russia to use military force to overthrow Georgian President Saakashvili. He did not elaborate or c
19. (C) In unusually blunt language, Guoping said Saakashvili is "not a mature statesman. He overreacted to Russian provocations and gave Russi

NORTH KOREA'S NUCLEAR TESTS, DOMESTIC POLITICS
110. (C) Guoping seemed genuinely concerned by North Korea's recent

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nuclear missile tests. "We need to solve this problem. It is very troublesome," he said, calling Korea's nuclear activity a "threat to the whol

CENTRAL ASIAN ENERGY
111. (SBU) Turning to a discussion of energy resources and energy security in Central Asia, Guoping said that Russia owns and controls most of

POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH U.S. OIL COMPANIES
112. (SBU) Guoping said China sees "great potential for an energy partnership with U.S. companies in Central Asia," including the development c

ON NAZARBAYEV
113. (SBU) Commenting on President Nazarbayev, Guoping called him a "wise and mature statesman," who has presided over a period of remarkable s

MANAS AIR BASE
114. (C) Referring to the Manas air base, Guoping said that the government of Kyrgyzstan has tried to show similar sophistication in balancing

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about" keeping the base open. He said he has seen a subtle shift in U.S. policy in the region, adding, "You've also made important progress in

NUCLEAR FUEL BANK
115. (C) Guoping did not appear to be well briefed on the subject of the IAEA-administered international nuclear fuel bank proposed by the Nucl

116. (C) COMMENT: In the past six months, the Ambassador and Guoping have established a relaxed, open, and even frank relationship. Guoping pre

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